

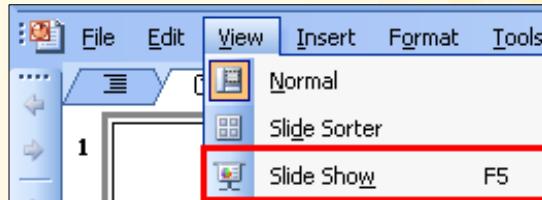


Instructions

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Topic 8 - Common Pitfalls and Issues

What are the Most Common Pitfalls and Issues?

Based on reports from supervisors and volunteers in the program, here are some common issues.

Theater

The work week in Afghanistan is very different than a typical U.S. work week. Work weeks are determined by the combatant commander and may include up to 7 days a week. Tours of duty in the Middle East are typically Sunday through Thursday. Fridays are an Afghan holiday, but volunteers still come in to the office on Friday to do their paperwork. For many, the only time off during the entire week is a half day on Saturday.

If you wish to communicate with your CEW volunteer in Afghanistan, the best time would be during the day (in their time zone) on Friday, when they are in the office (vs at a field location) doing paperwork.

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CEW volunteers working in theater have very different work schedules than in home station, often with very long hours and with minimal time off. This is especially true in [Afghanistan](#). Twelve-hour days are the norm in many theater locations, and it can

Certain employees may have reached their biweekly pay cap, as registered in the DFAS system. This applies particularly to GS 13 or 14, Step 10, and GS 15 or Pay Band 3 (NSPS) employees and higher. Because of the large amount of extra salary due to volunteers from danger pay, night differential, overtime, etc., they can go over this limit (legitimately) on a regular basis.

The solution to this problem is to

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